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6 SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY

7 THE STATE OF WASHINGTON,

Plaintiff,

8 v.

9 THOMASDINH NEWSOME BOWMAN,

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11 Defendant.

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) No. 12-1-05470-0 SEA

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12 I, Daniel T. Satterberg, Prosecuting Attorney for King County in the name and by the
13 authority of the State of Washington, do accuse THOMASDINH NEWSOME BOWMAN of the
crime of **Murder in the First Degree**, committed as follows:

14 That the defendant THOMASDINH NEWSOME BOWMAN in King County,
15 Washington, on or about August 31, 2012, with premeditated intent to cause the death of another
16 person, did cause the death of Yancy Noll, a human being, who died on or about August 31,
2012;

17 Contrary to RCW 9A.32.030(1)(a), and against the peace and dignity of the State of
Washington.

18 And I, Daniel T. Satterberg, Prosecuting Attorney for King County in the name and by
19 the authority of the State of Washington further do accuse the defendant THOMASDINH
NEWSOME BOWMAN at said time of being armed with semi-automatic handgun, a firearm as
20 defined in RCW 9.41.010, under the authority of RCW 9.94A.533(3).

21 DANIEL T. SATTERBERG

Prosecuting Attorney

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23 By: 

Scott M. O'Poole, WSBA #13024

24 Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

CAUSE NO. 12-1-05470-0SEA



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**CERTIFICATION FOR DETERMINATION
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GENERAL OFFENSE #
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That Frank Clark is a Detective with the Seattle Police Department and has reviewed the investigation conducted in Seattle Police Department Case Number 2012-292590;

There is probable cause to believe that ThomasDinh Newsome Bowman committed the crime(s) of Murder within the City of Seattle, County of King, State of Washington.

This belief is predicated on the following facts and circumstances:

On August 31, 2012, at about 1925hrs, victim Yancy Noll was driving his vehicle southbound in the 7500 block of 15th Av NE, City of Seattle, County of King, State of Washington. Victim Noll was stopped at a red light at NE 75th Street and in a line of traffic. A vehicle, described as a silver colored BMW convertible, pulled alongside Noll's car and came to a stop. The driver of this vehicle possessed a handgun and fired what is believed to be five shots at the victim. Three of these bullets struck the victim in his head. Other motorists attempted to aid the victim, who was mortally wounded. Seattle Police Officers and Seattle Fire Department medics responded to the scene. Victim Noll was transported to Harborview Medical Center where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

Evidence at the scene included shattered glass on the roadway in an area that would have been between the suspect and victim vehicles. The windows on the victim vehicle driver's door window were rolled down and intact. Other windows on the driver's side of the victim vehicle (facing towards the shooter vehicle) were also intact. Investigators at the scene opined the shattered glass was most likely from the suspect vehicle. There was damage to the left front corner panel which included apparent silver/grey paint transfer. Also found at the scene were tire marks left on the pavement consistent with a vehicle that slid its tires as it sped away. One 9mm bullet casing was also found on the roadway just outside the victim vehicle on the driver's side. One expended bullet was located on the dashboard of the victim vehicle and another bullet was located inside a nearby residence after it passed through the house window and landed on the floor.

On September 2, 2012, an autopsy was conducted at the office of the King County Medical Examiner. Victim Noll was found to have three bullet entrance wounds in his head. The bullets were recovered as evidence. The manner of death has been ruled a homicide.

Further investigation has revealed that the suspect drove southbound and then eastbound from the scene. A witness, who was northbound on 15th Ave NE on a motorcycle, saw a silver 'sports car' make a quick left turn from southbound 15th Ave NE onto NE 70, cutting off the vehicle ahead of her moments after the shooting.

During subsequent investigation by detectives, a security video was reviewed from the Roosevelt Reservoir (Seattle Public Utilities/Water Department), which is located on the west side of the street south of NE 75th Street. What appears to be a silver BMW Z4 convertible can be seen speeding away from the scene of the shooting.



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On September 5th, 2012, witnesses from the shooting scene met with a Forensic Artist from the Bellevue Police Department and provided information to him for a composite sketch of the suspect. A series of police and Crime Stoppers bulletins were released to the public. These bulletins contained the composite sketch of the suspect as well as a photo of a silver BMW Z4 convertible similar to the vehicle described by witnesses as driven by the suspect.

On September 10th, 2012 at 10:30 AM, Detectives Brown and Owings met with [REDACTED] at their residence located at [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] stated that on August 31, 2012, sometime after 7:00 PM, they were standing in their driveway in front of their home when they heard the sound of a car engine revving to the west of them. [REDACTED] said this sound was followed by momentary silence as [REDACTED] realized the vehicle had become airborne coming over the hill from 19th Ave NE on NE 68th street. Both [REDACTED] waited for the sound of a crash but instead observed a silver vehicle they both described as a BMW Z 4 convertible traveling at a high rate of speed, pass them traveling eastbound on NE 68th towards NE 25th Street. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] could hear the driver downshifting as the vehicle approached the stop sign [REDACTED]. The driver only slowed to approximately twenty miles per hour and then continued eastbound [REDACTED] without stopping. [REDACTED] stated that as the car passed, [REDACTED] saw a male with medium complexion and short, dark hair staring straight ahead. [REDACTED] stated that the passenger window was down or possibly missing.

On September 12th, 2012 at 8:45 PM, an anonymous caller telephoned the Seattle Police Department Homicide line and spoke to Detective Tom Mooney. The caller stated [REDACTED] was unwilling to provide [REDACTED] name or phone number because [REDACTED] was afraid the subject would discover [REDACTED] was the source of the information. The caller said [REDACTED] had seen the Crime Stoppers bulletin and stated that the sketch closely resembled Dinh Bowman whom [REDACTED] described as 'half Vietnamese and half Caucasian.' [REDACTED] also stated that Bowman drove a silver BMW that matched the description of the suspect vehicle. When asked if [REDACTED] believed he still owned the vehicle, [REDACTED] stated that he did as of one year ago. The caller said that Bowman resided in a residence located at [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] believed he still resided at that location. The caller then told Detective Mooney that the address is in close proximity to the scene of the shooting. The caller also told Detective Mooney that [REDACTED] drove by the residence earlier in the day and [REDACTED] was surprised that the BMW was not parked in the driveway because Bowman typically parked the car outside the garage. The caller stated that [REDACTED] believed he possessed a firearm. [REDACTED] was unable to provide any more detail on the gun nor was [REDACTED] able to state whether or not he had a concealed weapons permit. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] was aware Bowman has acted 'weird' in the past and added that he had temper and anger management issues. [REDACTED] told Detective Mooney that [REDACTED] believed he might be capable of committing such a crime.

Following this phone call, Detective Mooney did a search of police records and found that Dinh Newsome Bowman (DOB 12/09/1982) had a 2006 BMW M Class Roadster convertible registered in his name and to the address of [REDACTED]. The registration for the vehicle is current and expires in 2013. He also found that Bowman obtained a concealed weapons permit on January 22, 2011. That permit expires in January of 2016. Records also indicated that Bowman registered a .40 caliber Glock pistol in November of 2005. A property search of [REDACTED] showed that as of July 2012, the residence was occupied by Dinh N. Bowman and [REDACTED] (AKA [REDACTED])



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On September 12th, 2012 at 10:00 PM, Homicide detectives responded to [REDACTED]. The distance from the scene of the homicide to this address is .6 miles or one minute drive time. They noted that the driveway was vacant and that lights were on inside the home. They also noted a home security surveillance camera mounted above the front door, pointing down at the front porch. Detectives knocked firmly on the door but no one answered. From outside, the detectives could see personal property just inside the door to include a laptop computer and a pair of sandals.

Detectives made contact with the neighbors directly to the south of the Bowman residence. Both occupants confirmed that Bowman typically parked his silver BMW in his driveway but that they hadn't seen it in several days. They also said that they had not seen Dinh Bowman very much recently, which was also unusual.

On September 13th 2012, detectives began a surveillance detail of the residence at [REDACTED]. Detectives were able to continuously observe activity at this home beginning on the 13th of September. It was quickly discovered that another car was associated with that address and further investigation revealed that [REDACTED] has a 2006 Mercedes C230 registered to her at [REDACTED].

On September 14th, 2012 the Mercedes left the residence at 5:01 AM and did not return to the residence until 7:53 PM. The vehicle was observed driving into the south garage and just before the garage door closed. As it did so, the outline of a light colored vehicle with a low profile was seen on the north side of the garage as it was illuminated by the brake lights of the Mercedes. The garage door then completely closed.

Over a time span of seven days (September 13th 2012- September 20th 2012,) the only vehicle that left the garage was the Mercedes. It was difficult to determine who was driving the vehicle at all times because the vehicle has very dark tinted windows. Dinh Bowman has only exited the home a few times, once on foot with his wife and a second time with his wife and another female.

An open source search of both Dinh Bowman and [REDACTED] revealed that both have current Facebook pages. [REDACTED] Facebook page contains a public profile photo she shared on August 16th of her and Dinh sitting atop camels on a trip. In the photo, Dinh Bowman's profile is strikingly similar to the composite sketch of the suspect. A second photo on her page shows Bowman wearing large sunglasses.

On Wednesday, September 19th, during the course of surveillance of the residence, Detective Owings saw Dinh Bowman walk out of the front door. According to Detective Owings, Bowman was wearing sunglasses similar to the ones depicted in the composite sketch. Detective Owings stated that the suspect paused momentarily, during which his profile was clearly visible, and the similarity to the composite sketch was striking.

On September 20, 2012, a search warrant was obtained from Superior Court Judge Brian Gain for the garage of Dinh Bowman's home at [REDACTED].



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On September 21, 2012 at 0500 hours Dinh Bowman and his wife, [REDACTED] were stopped in [REDACTED] Mercedes as they left the residence. The garage door opener was removed from the Mercedes at that time. Bowman was asked if he would consent to a search of his garage, and he stated that he would not consent.

At 0530 hours, Seattle Police SWAT units, and Homicide Unit Detectives served the previously obtained search warrant at the Bowman residence located at [REDACTED]. The detectives made entry directly into the attached garage of the residence to look at Dinh Bowman's silver 2006 BMW M Roadster parked in the garage. Once inside the garage, a 2006 silver BMW M Roadster, WA license [REDACTED] was located in the north bay of the garage. The passenger window of the BMW appears to have just been replaced. The door window on the driver's side was marked with a BMW imprinted decal. The window on the passenger door was an aftermarket company. There were glass shards in the cracks of the floor rails and carpet on the passenger side of the consistent with the facts of the passenger window being shot out by the suspect. The vehicle also smelled like fresh paint, as if new body work and/or painting had been done to the car. There was an operating air purifier/dehumidifier in the garage next to the vehicle to assist with the strong paint smell. As noted previously, the suspect vehicle left tire tread at the scene of the shooting as the vehicle sped away. The vehicle currently in the garage has a set of new tires (all 4) still with the red striping on the tread; it appears they haven't been driven on. It also appears that there is masking tape on the wheels, as if they have been masked off for the vehicle to be painted.

An additional search warrant was then obtained for remainder of the Bowman residence. A search of the residence was conducted by detectives of the Seattle Police Department Crime Scene (CSI) Unit. Inside the residence were several firearms, bullets, bullet casings and documents indicating Dinh Bowman resided at the home. Included in these items were 9mm bullets consistent (9mm) with the bullet casing (9mm) found at the scene of the murder. No BMW z4 tires were located inside Bowman's residence.

Detectives searching Bowman's residence also located a "gun room" in which Bowman had set up a sort of laboratory dedicated to his obsession with guns. They found bullet-making equipment, ammunition, long rifles, scopes and other items. They did not find any handguns, including a 9 mm handgun, but they did locate two empty 9 mm holsters and magazines.

Dinh Bowman was arrested and transported to Seattle Police Headquarters for questioning. [REDACTED] was also transported to Headquarters for an interview.

Detective Duffy and I interviewed [REDACTED]. She initially stated she had never heard about the murder of Yancy Noll (even though she lives only a few blocks from the scene). She was very vague, but claimed that she didn't know about any damage to Dinh's BMW. She stated she remembered travelling to Portland, Oregon with Dinh, but could not remember the date. She said that while in Portland, they parked on some unknown street and went to lunch. When they returned, they found the passenger door window broken. Nothing was taken from the car and the car was not otherwise damaged, and they did not report the property damage to police or to their insurance company. They took the car to an unknown glass repair store in Portland and the window was replaced. After further questioning, [REDACTED] looked at her phone calendar, and recalled the date was September 1, 2012 (the day after the murder).



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When asked about new tires, [REDACTED] said that she and suspect Bowman went to a tire shop in Lynnwood, WA on September 20, 2012 (the day prior to the interview). The tires and wheels had been removed from the BMW, placed in her car (the Mercedes) and taken to the tire shop. She said she did not know why they were replaced and did not know what happened to the tires that had been removed. Throughout the entire interview, [REDACTED] frequent answer to questions was that she did not know or remember. She did later say she saw something on the internet about the murder. When shown a photo of the composite sketch, she said it did look like Dinh, but also looked like some of his "friends". She could only name one "friend".

Big O Tires in Lynnwood was contacted by detectives, who were told that sales people at the store recalled the Bowmans. The Big O Store manager said that the Bowmans insisted on taking with them the four old tires that had been on the BMW. The manager also stated that the four old tires were in good shape and not in need of being replaced.

During the interview, [REDACTED] gave written consent to a search of her purse. Several receipts were recovered from the purse including a receipt for Big O tires in Lynnwood. Also included was a Home Depot receipt dated September 12, 2012. Items on this receipt included masking tape, masking paper, steel wool, grey primer paint, and black spray paint.

[REDACTED] told detectives her husband also had a shop, "Vague Industries," in which he manufactured some type of robotic equipment. This shop was located on Airport Way S and S Holgate Street in Seattle.

An interview was then initiated with suspect Bowman. It was explained to Bowman why he was being interviewed. After an advisement of rights, suspect Bowman requested to speak with an attorney and to remain silent at that time. He was not questioned further and was booked in to the King County Jail.

A search warrant was obtained for Vague Industries, [REDACTED]. During the search of this facility, detectives located the BMW Z4 tires that wrapped in large plastic bags imprinted "Big O Tires". CSI Detective Jackson confirmed that these tires were consistent with tires that would fit on a Dinh's BMW Z4 vehicle. The scene photographs of the tread marks from the suspect's tires appear to be consistent with the tread of the tires recovered from this location. This is based on a visual comparison of the photograph with a scale and utilizing a similar scale against one of the tires. Also found a large board at the suspect business (shop). The paint artifacts transferred onto the board possibly during painting, appear to be consistent with some of the word and character marks on the tires that are currently on the BMW Z4 located in the suspect residence garage. Also found at the suspect business was a slide for a 9mm pistol (same caliber as bullet casing at the murder scene). This item was concealed in a plastic container, wrapped in paper towels and placed on a shelf in the back of the shop.



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Under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, I certify that the foregoing is true and correct to best of my knowledge and belief. Signed and dated by me this 25TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2012, at Seattle, Washington.

J. D. Clark # 5327

1 CAUSE NO. 12-1-05470-0 SEA

2 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY CASE SUMMARY AND REQUEST FOR BAIL AND/OR
3 CONDITIONS OF RELEASE

4 The Certification for Determination of Probable Cause signed by Seattle Police Detective
5 Frank Clark on September 25, 2012, is hereby incorporated by reference.

6 REQUEST FOR BAIL


7 The State requests that no bail be allowed in this case, pursuant to Washington
8 Constitution, Article I, Section 20. The current charge of Murder in the First Degree is a Class A
9 felony in Washington and carries with it a potential sentence of life in prison.

10 As set forth in the Certification for Determination of Probable Cause, the defendant poses
11 a substantial likelihood of danger to the community. The defendant's actions – the premeditated
12 and intentional murder of Yancy Noll – demonstrate the extreme danger he poses. It is alleged
13 that the defendant fired at least five shots on a public street, three of which struck the victim in
14 the head and a fourth penetrated a nearby home. Detectives subsequently discovered a "gun
15 room" inside the defendant's home, complete with bullet-making equipment, handguns,
16 ammunition, long rifles, scopes and other items, and two empty 9 mm holsters and magazines.

17 In addition, the sophistication and planning evident in the defendant's efforts to conceal
18 this crime raise a further concern should he be released on bail. Those efforts include concealing
19 his BMW Z4 inside his garage almost continuously since the date of the murder, replacement of
20 the passenger side window, possible body work and new paint on the car, replacing the current
21 tires (and tire tread), concealing the current tires at his business, and painting the tires black. The
22 defendant should not be allowed release to further obstruct the on-going police investigation of
23 this case.

24 The defendant should also be ordered to have no contact with the family of the victims in
this case or any of the witnesses.

Signed this 25th day of September, 2012.

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22 Scott M. O'Toole WSBA #13024

AGENCY: Seattle PD	WASPD0000	CASE NUMBER 2012-292590	FILE NUMBER H12-296	PCH NUMBER	SUPERFORM
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ARREST INFORMATION	
DATE & TIME OF VIOLATION 8/31/2012 7:25 PM	CRIMINAL TRAFFIC CITATION ATTACHED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
DATE OF ARREST/USE 9/21/2012 5:10 AM	ARREST LOCATION 2400 75 AV NE UNIT: Bk Seattle, WA 98115

SUSPECT INFORMATION							
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE/II, SR, 1st, 2nd) BOWMAN, THOMAS DINH NEWSOME							
DOB 12/9/1982	ALIAS, NICKNAMES Bowman, Dinh Newsome						
ARMED DANGEROUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO							
IDENTITY IN DOUBT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO							
CITIZENSHIP							
PHYSICAL DETAILS							
SEX M	HEIGHT 508	WEIGHT 140	SKIN TONE MED	RACE A	HTC BRO	HAIR BLK	SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS, DEFORMITIES
IDENTIFICATION DETAILS							
GCN 1825600	PRIOR SA# 205049012	AFIS# 00769340	FBI# 828007KC8	STATE ID# WA23117497	DEVER'S LICENSE #	STATE	SSN
RESIDENCE		EMPLOYMENT / SCHOOL					
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS		EMPLOYER, SCHOOL (ADDRESS, SHOP/UNION NUMBER)					
RESIDENCE PHONE		BUSINESS PHONE		OCCUPATION			
EMERGENCY CONTACT							
PERSON TO BE CONTACTED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY				RELATIONSHIP		PHONE	

CHARGE INFORMATION			
OFFENSE <input type="checkbox"/> DV <input type="checkbox"/> FUGITIVE 1 - HOMICIDE INV	RCW / ORCA 09B9	COURT / CAUSE # 1	CITATION #
OFFENSE <input type="checkbox"/> DV <input type="checkbox"/> FUGITIVE	RCW / ORCA	COURT / CAUSE #	CITATION #

WARRANT / OTHER				
WARRANT DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	OFFENSE	AMOUNT OF BAIL	WARRANT TYPE
ORIGINATING POLICE AGENCY		ISSUING AGENCY	WARRANT RELEASED TO: (SERIAL # / UNIT / DATE / TIME)	

PROPERTY INFORMATION	
LIST VALUABLE ITEMS OR PROPERTY LEFT FOR ARRESTEE AT JAIL Wallet and Misc Cards	
LIST VALUABLE ITEMS OR PROPERTY ENTERED INTO EVIDENCE (SIMPLE DESCRIPTION, IDENTIFYING MARKS, SERIAL #) Cell Phone, CCW Permit, Firearms Card, Keys	
LIST ITEMS ENTERED INTO SAFEKEEPING	
TOTAL CASH OF ARRESTEE \$382.00	WAS CASH TAKEN INTO EVIDENCE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO AMOUNT: \$0.00
SIGNATURE OF JAIL STAFF RECEIVING ITEMS / SERIAL #	

OFFICER INFORMATION		
ARRESTING OFFICER / SERIAL # Clark, Frank D 5327	TRANSPORTING OFFICER / SERIAL #	SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE / SERIAL #
SUPERFORM COMPLETED BY (SIGNATURE / SERIAL #) Clark, Frank		CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (NAME / SERIAL / PHONE) Clark, Frank D. 5327 2068847703

COURT FILE			
SUPERIOR COURT FILING RPD	<input type="checkbox"/> IN CUSTODY	<input type="checkbox"/> AT LARGE	<input type="checkbox"/> OUT ON BOND
COURT CAUSE (STAMP OR WRITE) 12-1-05470-0SEA			
COURT DIST. CT. NO.	DIST. CT. BOND \$	SUP. CT. DATE	

EXTRADITE			
PERSON APPROVING EXTRADITION	SEMI-LOCAL ONLY WACO-STATE WIDE <input type="checkbox"/>	NCIC-WILL EXTRADITE FROM IN & OR ONLY <input type="checkbox"/>	NCIC-WILL EXTRADITE FROM OR, IN, MT, WY, CA, NV, UT, CO, AZ, NM, HI, AK <input type="checkbox"/>
NCIC-WILL EXTRADITE FROM FROM ALL 50 STATES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
COE	DOE	COE	DOE
WAC	TOE	WAC	TOE
NCIC	OP	NCIC	OP

PROBABLE CAUSE INFORMATION	
STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE: NON-VUCSA	
CONCISELY SET FORTH FACTS SHOWING PROBABLE CAUSE FOR EACH ELEMENT OF THE OFFENSE AND THAT THE SUSPECT COMMITTED THE OFFENSE. IF NOT PROVIDED, THE SUSPECT WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY RELEASED. INDICATE ANY WEAPONS INVOLVED. (DRUG CRIME CERTIFICATE BELOW.)	